

Coronavirus Resources

COVID-19 is on everyone's mind right now. Here are some authoritative resources to turn to for up-to-date information:

- Kentucky State Government kycovid19.ky.gov

The official Team Kentucky source for information concerning COVID-19, this website lists current statistics, actions taken by state government, instructions on seeking care, and other resources.

- Public Library Association <http://www.ala.org/pla/issues/covid-19>

Links to a free webinar series featuring updates on the current status of the pandemic, examples of how libraries are dealing with closures and serving their communities virtually, and opportunities to share and learn from each other. There are many other resources compiled here, including posters from the CDC and links to self-care and mental health resources for library staff.

Board Meetings during the COVID-19 emergency

SB 150 went into effect on March 30th, 2020. It says "Notwithstanding KRS 61.826, a public agency may conduct any meeting, including its regular meeting, by live audio or live video teleconference during the period of the state of emergency. A public agency acting under this paragraph shall: 1. Provide public notice, under subsections (3) to (5) of KRS 61.823, that the meeting is being conducted under this paragraph by live audio or video teleconference; 2. Conduct the meeting by: a. Live video teleconference if the public agency has the technological capacity and availability to provide for live video teleconference; or b. Live audio teleconference if the public agency does not have the technological capacity or availability to provide for a live video teleconference; and 3. Provide specific information on how any member of the public or media organization can access the meeting." All board members attending by either method would be counted as part of the quorum and be allowed to vote. If there are no local rules or bylaws that would prohibit the activity, committees of the board can meet this way as well.

KDLA Website Spotlight: Library Link Up

Library Link Up is a collaborative monthly webinar series where public library staff from across the Commonwealth share their experiences on a variety of topics and services. Topics have covered everything from Animal Programs to Dropping the Dewey Decimal System to Workforce Development Partnerships. Most recently, the topics were Bookmobile Success Stories and Going Fine Free. Library Link Ups are archived and available at <https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/kdlaarchivedwebinars/Pages/Library-Link-Up.aspx>

E-rate Deadlines Extended

E-rate filers have received extensions for filing forms to start competitive bidding and apply for discounts on internet access and networking equipment. The last date to file a Form 470 to open E-rate competitive bidding is April 1, 2020, and the last date to file a Form 471 application for discounts is April 29, 2020. Kentucky public libraries can contact the KDLA Technology Consultant, Lauren Abner, at lauren.abner@ky.gov or (502) 564-1728 for assistance. See KDLA's E-rate resources at <https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/e-rate/Pages/default.aspx>.